

APPROVED MINUTES  
RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2015  
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Chief Steve Hall, Member Larry Mouradjian, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Joanne Scorpio, Secretary, RIPC Capt. Paul Costabile, Ex. Dir., NEMP Craig Ibbotson, Moran Shipping Frank Floor, Dep. Chief, DLE, RIDEM Capt. Sean Bogus, President, NEMP

\*March meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Commissioners reviewed February 5, 2015 minutes. Member Chief Hall moved to approve the minutes; Member L. Mouradjian seconded the motion. The February 2015 minutes was approved by assent.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) **Regulation Review** – Commission members continued reviewing State Pilot Regulations. Atty. Powers distributed a copy of the current revised regulations that was discussed at the February meeting. He said that all of the proposals were posted on the Secretary of State's website for public review and comments; however, no replies from the general public were made.
- 2) **Incident Reporting** – The Chair said he wanted to continue discussing incident reporting from last month's meeting and would like to prepare a form similar to what New York is using. Atty. Powers advised that the Commission can draft a form for the Northeast Pilots to employ for the time being, however, he recommended including it as an appendix in the regulations.
- 3) **State Pilot Board Report** – The Chair advised that the Board recommended that Capt. Gray Be examined for his Narragansett Bay licensure . Member Capt. Fritz made a motion for Capt. Gray to be scheduled for the Narragansett Bay exam. Member Chief Hall seconded the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

The State Pilot Board also recommended Capt. Adam Sanford to be certified as a Narragansett Bay Apprentice. Member Capt. Fritz made a motion to approve Capt. Sanford's apprenticeship for Narragansett Bay. Member Chief Hall seconded the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

- 4) Arundle Castle Report – Capt. Bogus (NEMP) informed the members about a problem he encountered with the ship's steering during his inbound transit while piloting the Arundel Castle on March 22, 2015. (See Capt. Bogus's report attached)

## II. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Ice Class Policy – A reportable incident took place in Narragansett Bay involving a state pilot on February 23, 2015.<sup>1</sup> The incident involved a non- ice-class vessel (Njord Hardrada) that was traveling in ice-impacted waters where the pilot experienced a loss of power.<sup>2</sup> Commissioners discussed whether to draft an ice-class guidance/advisory in a letter to send out immediately to the pilots. They also discussed whether that policy would even be effective based on various ice conditions and different size vessels. Atty. Powers advised the commissioners to perhaps review other regulations where ice-impacted waters are common before drafting any policy. Member Larry Mouradjian also advised that the commissioners should discuss the policy when more information is obtained. Capt. Costabile said that he would get information from the Hudson River Pilots who pilot regularly in ice-condition waters.

Chair McVay presented the video of the logged trip where the incident occurred.

## III. COMMENTS

- 1) Capt. Costabile stated that Rule 10.10, Line 4 "*Block Island Sound*" should be changed to "*Narragansett Bay*". Atty. Powers advised that Capt. Costabile's comments should also be brought forward at the Public Hearing.

## IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am. Member Chief Hall made a motion to adjourn. Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion.

## V. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next schedule meeting will be Thursday, May 7, 2015 beginning at approximately 9:30am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI 02908.

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<sup>1</sup> Emergency conference call with the RISPC was called to order on 3-4-15 at 10:30a.m. Minutes of the meeting to be filed with commission's files and Secretary of State's office.

<sup>2</sup> See file Njord Hardrada Incident filed with Commissions files.